

Groveland Gazette



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Council Seats Open for Election

The Election Qualifying Period for the upcoming City election held on November 5th begins at noon on Monday, August 26th and ends at noon on Friday, August 30th. The open seats are District 2 held by James Smith and District 4 held by Jared Mincey. Candidates must reside in the district in which they are running, be a resident for 2 years and a registered voter.

For more information contact
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Volunteers Needed

Groveland City Council is accepting applications for advisory committee members. Applications are available on the website and at City Hall.

Budget Advisory Committee
Charter Review Committee
Recreation Advisory Committee

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Watering Restrictions

Irrigation is allowed twice a week from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.

Designated days are:

- **Wednesday & Saturday**—residential **odd** numbered addressed
- **Thursday & Sunday**—residential **even** numbered addresses

Citizen of the Quarter:

Marie Padgett

Marie is a lifelong resident, owner/operator of Marie's Magic Shears, corresponding secretary and former president of the Groveland Historical Society, board member of the Friends of the Marion Baysinger Memorial Library and the Groveland-Mascotte Women's Club. Mrs. Padgett is an avid volunteer in the community for City, church, and various other non-profit organization events. Marie is also a Groveland High School alumnus who helps organize school reunion events.

Got Drugs?

Please do not throw your medications out with the trash or flush them down the toilet. Prescription drugs have been found in lake fish and ground water across the US due to leeching in landfills. The Groveland Police Department has a drug disposal safe where you may deposit all of your unwanted drugs; prescription or non-prescription. Open 24/7.

408 Orange Ave ~ 429-4166

Water Conservation Resources

www.sirwmd.com
www.fyn.ifas.ufl.edu
www.floridayards.org

Business of the Quarter:

West Orange Lumber

During a traffic emergency involving a road closure due to an overturned tractor trailer hauling 2x4s on SR19, the WOL staff provided an invaluable service to the community. They worked alongside our cleanup crew to pick up, stack, re-band and reload all of the spilt lumber. The WOL staffers then loaded the bundles onto their own flatbed trailer and hauled it away to the wrecker yard where the disabled tractor trailer was towed.

Accomplished Youth Award Winners:

Garrett Cole
Andres F. Henao
Justin Holland

Free Car Seat

Parents are you confident that your child's safety seat meets all safety standards? Is the safety seat installed properly? Attend this **FREE** one-hour class by Safe Kids Lake to find out. Class space is limited. Please call Capt. Buddy Luckock at 352-742-6475 to register. A free car seat will be given to each family that attends.

Classes will be held in the E.L. Puryear Building located at 243 S. Lake Avenue on the following dates:

August 20 October 15

City Council Members

Mayor, District 1

Jim Gearhart

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Council Member, District 2

James Smith

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Vice Mayor, District 3

Tim Loucks

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Council Member, District 4

Jared Mincey

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Council Member, District 5

John Griffin

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City Manager

Samuel Oppelaar

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City Meetings

- **Aug 5** — City Council Meeting at 7:00pm
- **Aug 12** — Code Enforcement Hearing at 6:00pm
- **Aug 19** — City Council Meeting at 7:00pm
- **Aug 26** — CRA Meeting at 6:30pm
- **Aug 27** — City Council Workshop at 6:30pm
- **Sept 3** — City Council Meeting at 7:00pm
- **Sept 9** — Code Enforcement Hearing at 6:00pm
- **Sept 16** — City Council Meeting at 7:00pm
- **Sept 23** — CRA Meeting at 6:30pm
- **Sept 24** — City Council Workshop at 6:30pm
- **Oct 7** — City Council Meeting at 7:00pm
- **Oct 14** — Code Enforcement Hearing at 6:00pm
- **Oct 21** — City Council Meeting at 7:00pm
- **Oct 22** — CRA Meeting at 6:30pm
- **Oct 28** — City Council Workshop at 6:30pm

Meetings are held in the E.L. Puryear Building located at 243 S. Lake Ave.

Important Phone Numbers

- **Poison Control**
800.222.1222
- **Underground Utility Locating** 811
- **Police Non-Emergency**
352.429.4166
- **Fire Non-Emergency**
352.429.1209
- **City Hall**
352.429.2141
- **Public Works**
352.429.2438
- **Water Utilities**
352.429.0227
- **Code Enforcement**
352.429.4166
- **Senior Center**
352.429.9513
- **Animal Control**
352.343.9688
- **DMV** 352.423.0679
- **Library** 352.429.5840
- **Post Office**
352.429.2801
- **SECO Energy**
352.429.2195
- **Duke Energy**
800.700.8744
- **Century Link**
800.366.8201
- **Bright House Networks**
866.277.4081



Join the Police Explorers

The Groveland Police Explorers program is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) and not yet 21 who are interested in learning more about career fields in law enforcement.

Nationally, over 33,000 Explorers and 8,425 adult volunteers participate in Law Enforcement Exploring. The program highlights include: the National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academies and Conferences, ride-alongs, career achievement awards, and scholarship opportunities.

Becoming an explorer will benefit your child by providing improved self-confidence, leadership experience and social

network development, community service opportunities, college & career readiness preparation, team building and exciting "hands-on" career experiences.

Sponsor an Explorer

The GPD Explorers are looking for businesses, HOAs and individuals who wish to contribute toward the costs involved to outfit an explorer. Our goal is to be able to provide uniforms and equipment to each child who wants to join; regardless of their family financial status. Help us help our youth.

For more information contact:

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reThink Your Commute

Central Florida is home to many outstanding transit providers that can get you where you need to go. Knowing your options is the first step in rethinking your commute.

Carpooling or vanpooling helps you save money and reduces your carbon footprint at the same time. reThink provides free and instant ride-matching to help you find your future carpool or vanpool partners.

By signing up for rideshare, you will receive a list of your potential carpool matches. Contact

the people on your match list to let them know that you're interested in sharing the ride to work. The next step is to try it out!

If you've committed to using an alternative mode of transportation to get to work then you need to know about the reThink **Emergency Ride Home Program**.

To find your rideshare match or get more information call 1-866-610-RIDE (7433) or visit reThinkYourCommute.com

Infrastructure Project Updates

There are many items on the Citizen's Wish List and the following is an update on projects that are in the works in and around our City:

- **Bible Camp Road Project**—Widen, resurface and provide bike lane from CR 565 (Villa City Rd) to SR 19. 4,716 LF
- **SR 50 Realignment Project**—Currently in the design process. To see a video pertaining to the project visit the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) website: <http://www.lakesumtermpo.com/projects/sr50.aspx>

- **South Lake Trail**—Install a 15' multi-use trail from Clermont trail end to Silver Eagle Rd.
- **Villa City Road Project (CR 565)**—Widen to 30' and resurface from Bible Camp Road to Simon Brown Road.
- **Eagle Ridge Reclaimed Water Distribution Project**—Project will provide reclaimed water to users from the Silver Eagle Plant to the eastern most points of Groveland.
- **Lake Audrey Stormwater Project**—Project will replace the current stormwater drain system to reduce pollution and address erosion control.

Senior Center

Come out and enjoy what the Groveland Senior Center has to offer:

- Computer classes
- Bingo
- Pool tables
- Shuffle Board
- Checkers/Chess
- Cards
- Beading
- Arts & Crafts
- Low impact exercises
- Dances
- Sing-a-longs
- Movies
- Guest speakers
- Quiet reading library

Morning refreshments are served and lunch is provided at no charge by Mid-FL Community Services of Leesburg to seniors age 62 or older who qualify. Mid-FL is also responsible for qualifying all seniors for the lunch program and provides homebound meals as well. To register call 352-326-3540.

Transportation provided by Lake County Connections for those who qualify in advance.

Groveland Seniors Center is located at the corner of Mills Street and CR 33 South. The center is open Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm.

For more information contact



On Facebook:
Groveland Florida City Council
Visit us at:
www.groveland-fl.gov

Red Light Camera Ticket Court Hearings to be Held in Groveland

Beginning July 1st all contested Red Light Camera Tickets will be heard by Special Magistrate in Groveland at the E. L. Puryear Building, 243 S. Lake Avenue instead of the Lake County Court House in Tavares. If you receive a citation, please read the instructions printed on the back for payment options and process to schedule a hearing date.

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